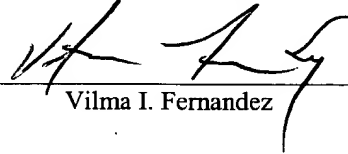


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

SERIAL NO. : 09/601,029  
APPLICANT : Peter HIMMELSBACH et al.,  
FILED : July 26, 2000  
FOR : **BACKING MATERIAL FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES**  
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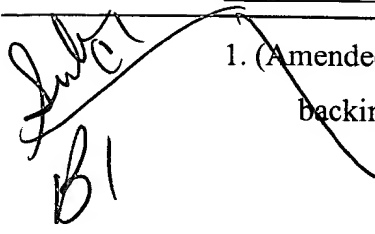
**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action of February 27, 2002. This response is timely if deposited with the United States Postal Service on or before May 27, 2002.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please rewrite claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 15 and 17-20, as follows:

- 1. (Amended twice) Backing material for medical purposes, characterized in that the backing material is a nonwoven, overstitched by yarns, and having an ultimate